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1. The Communist para-military organization in the Alpes-Maritimes is controlled by a general staff located in Nice. This staff is quite distinct from the Bureau Politique for the Department. The only member common to the two groups is one GAFFINO, the former Cmdt. MICHEL. The Department is divided into two zones of action, the dividing line running through the Var. In each of these zones, subdivisions have been set up for every city and large village. The cities are divided into sectors. Each sector represents a quartier and consists of several cells. Each sector has a combat effective of from 1 to 4 companies. The companies are made up of from 8 to 12 groups of [REDACTED] and companies by a commandant [REDACTED] assistants. At the head of each sector there has [REDACTED] major. Each sector is ignorant of its neighboring sectors. [REDACTED] carried on through the etats majors. In each sector, in addition to the individual arms possessed, there has been set up one or two ammunition, heavy armament (anti-tank cannon, machine guns, mortars), and provision depots.

2. Nice [REDACTED] 2 - Magnan Madeleine Quartier - Two companies fully equipped [REDACTED] ready for immediate action. The first company, "Liberte", consists of [REDACTED] Italian groups and 6 French groups. The second company, "Renaissance", consists of 8 French groups. A provision depot is located at the home of one SGARINIZZI, 90 Blvd. de la Madeleine, Nice. An arms depot is located at 170 Blvd. de la Madeleine. A transport depot has been established in the quartier St. Augustin, at the outskirts of the city, on the main highway towards Cannes.

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3. There are 15,000 Communist troops, including 5,000 FTPF, available in the Alpes-Maritimes. These are ready for instant action. All the men are armed, and the etat major is to be placed under the command of a Russian colonel whose arrival is imminent. Each important sector chief is to be duplicated by a foreign commander. Training camps are situated in rural districts, and there is continual liaison with the Italian Communist Party. The principal liaison agent is one BALDRINI, Villa la Bianelle, Avenue Aime Martin. [REDACTED] Comment. In view of [REDACTED] the figures of 15,000 and 5,000 seem high.) 25X1A2g

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4. Service d'Action - The Service d'Action is composed of small units of from 4 to 6 tried men utilized to carry out sudden sorties, murders, etc. Nearly all its members are Party militants, the larger part being fugitives from justice, and others being former members of the FTPF. They have at their disposal money and modern weapons. Foreign action troops, commandos of from 6 to 8 men, are expected to arrive in the Alpes-Maritimes shortly. These will be utilized in forcing any dissident French militants into combat. Some members of Spanish action troops have already been arrested.

5. Official liaison is carried out between the Central Committee in the Alpes-Maritimes and Communist military units in northern Italy. In the main, this takes place from St. Jean and Cap Ferrat. Transport of arms is carried out under the cover of traffic in contraband and takes place by sea at Cagnes-sur-Mer at La Napoule, and by land over the mountains.

6. The parachutage of materiel is already going on, and takes place in 2 areas; on the plateau above Creolieres, and on the Col de Segra on Mt. Ours. The sites to be used for parachutage of men are the plateau de Valensole in the Basses-Alpes.

Liaison concerning the parachutage of materiel is carried out by agents, on the sudden arrival of important stocks belonging to the Communist Party, and on the imprudence of certain Party members, who have been noted to be in possession of certain parachutage material, particularly parachute cord and sponge rubber shock absorbers - all new and in good condition. These drops, which started only a few days ago, appear to be important in volume.

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